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AMENDMENT

Asst. Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated March 11, 2002, kindly amend the above-
identified patent application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

*Delete the paragraph starting on page 1, lines 17-24, and replace it with the
following paragraph:*

A number of devices exist to reduce the effort required by the patient to exhale. For
example US Patent 5,657,752 assigned to Airways Associates describes a variable orifice
venting aperture member in the nasal mask to help vent the exhalations. US Patent Number
5,065,756 assigned to New York University includes vent holes in the face mask for rapid

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